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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BELCHER/BOYATT TESTIMONY REPORTED

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1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS OCTOBER 2 EDITORIALIZES AT LENGTH ON CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY AMBASSADOR BELCHER AND FSO BOYATT. EITORIALS TAKE OFF FROM AP REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON OCTOBER 1 WHICH IS BEING PROMINENTLY PLAYED HERE IN PRESS, RADIO, TV. EDITORIAL OCTOBER 2 CARRIED BY PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS, PRO-CLERIDES AGON, COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, INDEPENDENT ELEFTHEROS LAOS.

2. ALL EDITORIALS CIRTICIZE HARSHLY DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP FOR NOT PREVENTING CYPRUS COUP AND INVASION. EDITORIALS DRAW ON BELCHER/BOYATT REPORTED COMMENTSTHAT USG WANTED MAKARIOS OVERTHROWN AND THAT "DEPARTMENT WORKING LEVEL

SUGGESTIONS WERE NOT ACCEPTED. PHILELEFTHEROS COMMENTS THAT BOYATT "INSTRUCTED" TO KEEP SILENT ON ISSUE " IN ORDER NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MAKE KNOWN CERTAIN ASPECTS OF AMERICAN POLICY FOR WHICH

STATE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALLY DR. KISSINGER CANNOT FEEL PROUD." AGHON SAYS "BEGINNING OF PRESENT SUFFERINGS OF CYPRUS PEOPLE LIES WITH SEVENTH FLOOR OF AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT." PAPER THEN GOES ON TO DISCUSS FUTURE CYPRUS PROBLEM, SAYING "PERSISTENCE WITH SAME (CYPRUS) POLICY WILL LEAD TO WORSE COMPLICATIONS."

3. HARAVGHI (REF) SAYS AMBASSADOR BELCHER TOLD "VERY LITTLE OF TRUTH ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMPLICITY." GOES ON TO SAY CIA INDEED WAS INVOLVED AND "KISSINGER AND CIA HAVE THEIR HANDS DRENCHED IN BLOOD." ELEGTHEROS LAOS ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZES USG. SAYS BELCHER TESTIMONY CONFIRMS ONCE MORE THAT WITHOUT U.S. "BLESSING TURKISH INVASION MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. PAPER ALSO CRITICIZES PRESENT ATTITUDE OF USG WHICH "MAKES (GOT) MORE INTRANSIGENT."
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